

REMARKS

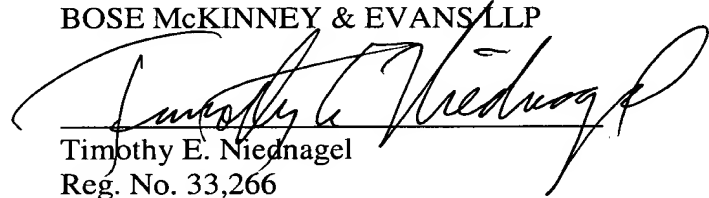
Applicant desires to proceed with previously submitted claims 41-46 and new claims 53-58 in the present application. The Examiner restricted claims 41-46 as being directed to an invention that is patentably distinct from the invention of claims 1-24. Therefore, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-24 and requests that claims 41-46 and 53-58 now be considered in this application. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-24, but wishes to pursue different claims in the present application rather than appeal.

Applicant has contemporaneously filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant submits that claims 41-46 or 53-58 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner has any questions related to this Amendment or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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